

Quick Start

Rio

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For detailed instructions and descriptions please see the User's Guide located on the software CDs.

If you want to learn how to use the player before installing, refer to "Using the Player" on the back of this poster.

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Welcome to the Rio S50, your portable solution for MP3/WMA digital audio playback. The S50 comes with 128MB memory built-in, supports external memory expansion cards, and features a rechargeable battery and integrated FM tuner. Follow these steps to get started:

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Unpack

Make sure your package includes the following:



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Charge Battery

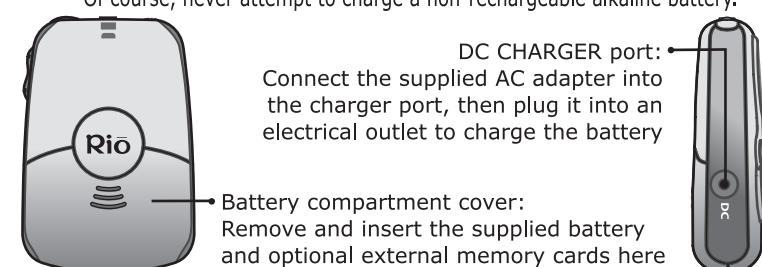
When you first use the Rio player, charge it for at least five hours for maximum battery life. You can use the Rio while it is charging, so go ahead and rip your CDs and load your music while you wait (see Step 5 for details). You can charge the battery while the player is turned OFF or ON.

1. Slide open the battery compartment cover on the back of the Rio player.
2. Insert the supplied 1600mAH NiMH rechargeable battery. Ensure that the battery is inserted properly by matching the + symbol on the battery with the symbols shown in the battery compartment. (Insert optional external memory cards before inserting the battery).

3. Replace the battery compartment cover.
4. Connect the supplied AC adapter into the DC CHARGER port on the side of the Rio player.

5. Plug the AC adapter into an electrical outlet and begin charging the battery. The battery icon animates as the battery charges. When the battery is fully charged, an AC power "plug" icon replaces the battery icon on the display.
6. When the battery is fully charged, unplug the AC adapter and disconnect it from the Rio player.

Tip: You can also use a regular AA-size alkaline battery to run the Rio player. Of course, never attempt to charge a non-rechargeable alkaline battery.



DC CHARGER port: Connect the supplied AC adapter into the charger port, then plug it into an electrical outlet to charge the battery
Battery compartment cover: Remove and insert the supplied battery and optional external memory cards here

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Install Software

1. Insert the appropriate software CD (PC or Mac) label side up into your computer's CD-ROM drive. After a few seconds, the install screen will display.
2. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the audio management software. You can also choose to view the User's Guide, get support or register online.
 - Click the "View Manual" link on the software CD install screen to see the User's Guide.
 - To complete online registration, you must have an Internet connection.
3. Reboot your computer when software installation is complete or if you are prompted to do so.

PC ONLY: If the install screen does not display automatically, follow these steps to start the installation manually:

1. Click the Start button in bottom left corner of the computer screen and choose Run...
2. Type d:\install.exe in the field labeled Open. If your computer's CD-ROM drive uses a letter other than "d", substitute that letter for "d".
3. Click the OK button, and follow the on-screen instructions.



System Requirements

PC

- Microsoft Windows 98, 98 SE, 2000, Me or XP
- 233Mhz Pentium II processor or higher with 64 MB RAM
- USB port
- CD-ROM drive
- Internet connection recommended

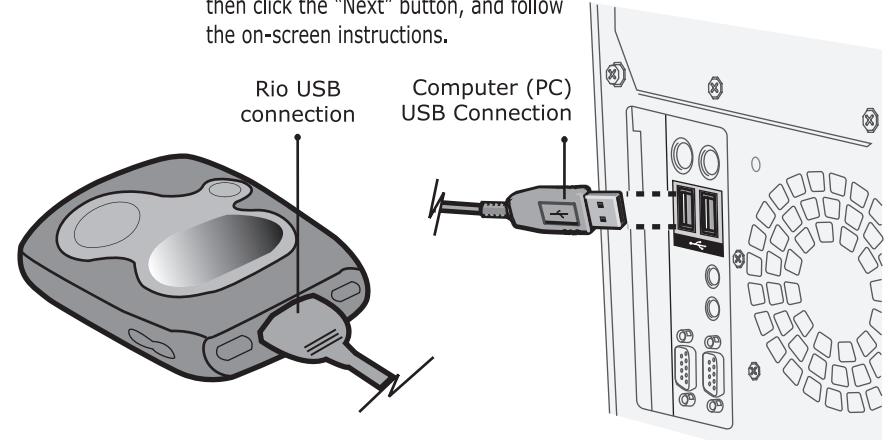
Mac

- Mac OS 9.0.4, OS 9.1 or later recommended or OS X, version 10.1 or later recommended
- 32 MB RAM
- Powered USB port
- CD-ROM drive
- Internet connection recommended

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Connect USB

1. Insert the supplied USB cable into the MULTIFUNCTION port on top of the Rio player. The Rio USB connection only fits one way. Do not try to force the connection.
2. Connect the other end of the USB cable to the USB port on your computer.
3. Turn the Rio player ON.
4. **PC ONLY:** Follow these instructions if the Windows Device Driver wizard displays on the computer screen: Make sure that the software CD is in your computer's CD-ROM drive. When the wizard prompts you for the location of the Rio player drivers, select the "CD-ROM Drives" check box, then click the "Next" button, and follow the on-screen instructions.



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Rip / Load Music

Use the software included on the CDs to take music from your audio CDs and convert it into MP3 or WMA format. (This process is commonly known as ripping and encoding). You can also use the software to get music from the Internet, or download music to your Rio player. For detailed instructions on using the software, please refer to the online help within each application.

Encoding a CD with RealOne (PC)

1. Start the RealOne software.
2. Put an audio CD in your computer's CD-ROM drive. If the Prompt To Save CD preference is enabled (under Preferences > CD), RealOne displays a dialog box asking if you wish to save the CD. If you select YES, RealOne starts saving (encoding) all tracks on the CD. If this preference is not enabled, continue with Step 3.
3. After a few seconds, CD and track information are displayed.
4. Click SAVE TRACKS at the bottom of the window. A dialog box displays, from which you can select individual tracks, or select all tracks by clicking the CHECK ALL button. Click OK when you are done.
5. RealOne starts saving (encoding) the selected tracks.

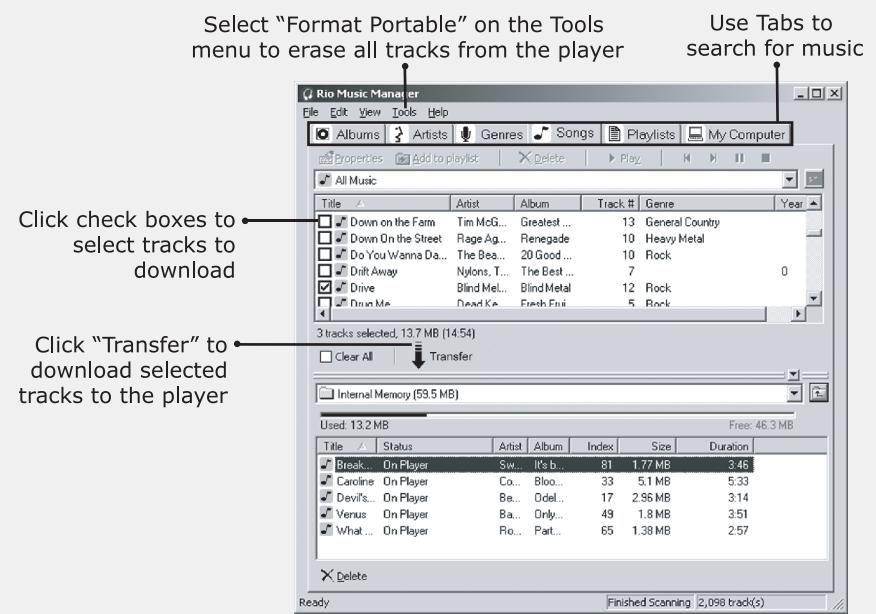
Loading music with Rio Music Manager (PC)

1. Start the Rio Music Manager software.
2. Make sure that your Rio player is connected to your computer with the USB cable and turned ON.
3. Use the tabs located in the top part of the Rio Music Manager software screen to locate music to transfer. Select music by clicking the check box to the left of the artist/album/track title.

By default, the software shows the player's internal memory in the bottom part of the screen. You can choose internal or external memory (if an

external memory card is installed) from the drop-down list located in the center part of the Rio Music Manager software screen.

4. Click "Transfer" in the center of the software screen to start copying the selected music files to your Rio player.



Rio Music Manager software

Note: If you are using Rio Music Manager on a PC running Windows 98 or 98 SE operating systems, you must download and install Windows Media Player if you wish to use the Rio Music Manager playback feature.

Encoding a CD with iTunes (Mac)

1. Start the iTunes software.
2. Put an audio CD in your Mac's CD-ROM drive.
3. After a few seconds, the CD automatically opens in iTunes showing the names of each track.
4. Click the check box next to each track you wish to encode. All tracks are selected by default.
5. Click the IMPORT button at the top left of the iTunes window. iTunes starts encoding the selected tracks.

Loading music with iTunes (Mac)

1. Start the iTunes software.
2. Make sure your Rio player is connected to your computer with the USB cable.
3. Turn your Rio player ON.
4. The Rio player shows up in the iTunes window.
5. Click and drag music files from the desktop to the iTunes window. Progress bars display while the music copies.

Optional Accessories

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